GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:25
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Non-operational Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that despite construction of new/expansion of existing airports by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), there are no scheduled commercial flights, if so, the details of such non-functional airports along with expenditure incurred on such airports,airport-wise;

(b) the justification/rationale of not operating commercial flights and the corrective measures being taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government has identified new routes/increased the frequency of existing flights of Air India, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Delhi-Ranchi air route has been covered in the said routes and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Ashok Gajapathi RajuPusapati)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY OF PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED (*) QUESTION NO.25 FEBRUARY, 2016 REGARDING NON-OPERATIONAL AIRPORTS ;
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(a): The list of the operational airports and civil enclaves of Airports Authority of India (AAI), alongwith details of expenditure incurred thereon and where no scheduled commercial flights are operating is given at Annexure-I.;;

(b): The airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government. Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is,
however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand, commercial viability and their company policy. The Government does not determine route/ schedules of Airlines including Air India. ;;

(c) : The following are the details of New flights/routes/additional/increase in frequency of Air India New Flights: ; (i) Introduced 3 rd frequency on Delhi-London route effective 1st
November, 2015, (ii) Introduced 3 flights/week on Bangalore -Delhi-San Francisco &vv route effective 1st December, (iii) Introduced daily flights on Delhi-Bhubaneswar vv route with effect from 29th March, 2015, (iv) Introduced daily flights on Delhi-Surat vv route with effect from 01 st October, 2015, (v) Introduced daily flights on Mumbai-Calicut vv route
with effect from 01 st November, 2015, (vi) Introduced 4 weekly flights on Bhubaneswar-Varanasi vv route with effect from 08th November, 2015, (vii) Introduced 3 flights/week on Kolkata-Durgapur-Delhi &vv route effective 21st December 2015.;
Frequency change for Domestic;
Route Summer 15 Winter 15 Increase;
Kochi-Chennai & VV 4 7 3;
Mumbai-Goa & VV 21 28 7;
Banglore- Mumbai & VV 27 28 1;
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New Routes/Frequencies:;
Route Summer 15 Winter 15 Increase
Kolkata-Durgapur-Delhi & VV - 3 3
Bhubaneswar- Varanasi & VV - 4 4
Bangalore-Chennai & VV - 7 7
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(d): The schedule of Air India Delhi- Ranchi sector is as under:; AI 417 Delhi-Ranchi Departure 1110 Arrival 1305 Daily flight; AI418 Ranchi- Delhi Departure 1340 Arival 1540 Daily flight.